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ON HISTORIC  
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151<sup>st</sup> Meeting – Walla Walla



# Dodd House

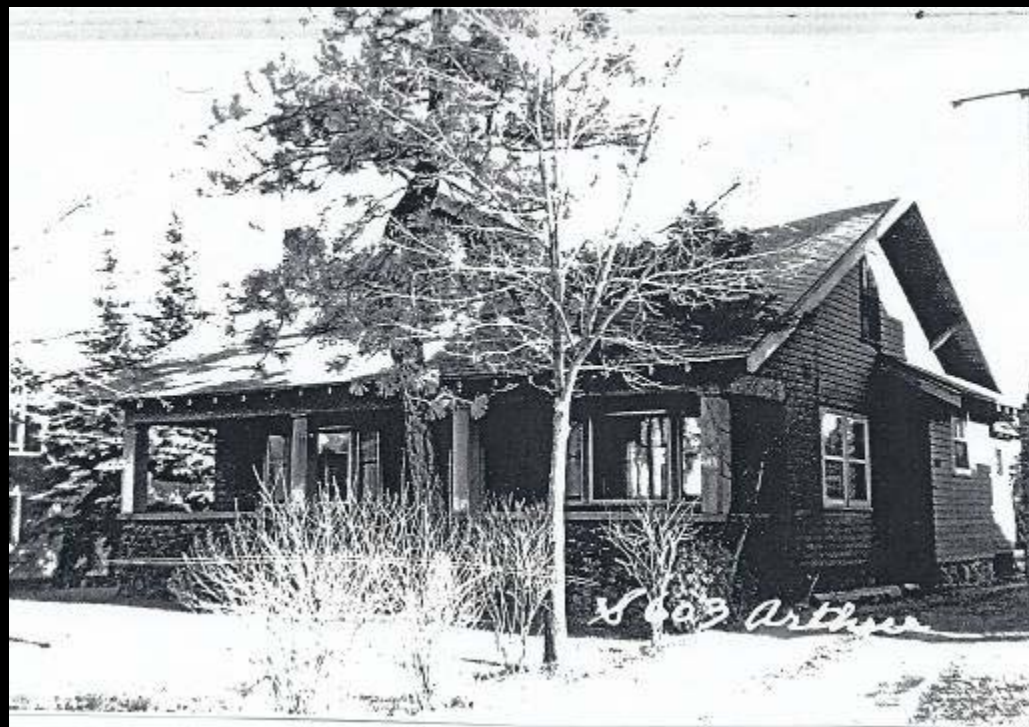












Sonora Smart Dodd, c. 1925

## WELCOME P. E. O. CONVENTION

*Today the Nation Honors*

MRS. JOHN BRUCE DODD

*of Spokane, Washington*

Founder of **FATHER'S DAY**

which was sponsored through the International Father's **Day** Association of this city in 1910.

Today the American home, the Associated Press, legislatures, business concerns and individuals see merit in honoring father on HIS DAY.

Father has the respect of the nation.

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## LEMON PIE ART AT NIGHT SCHOOL

Women of Fathers' **Day** Association  
Attracted by Variety of Evening Classes.

### SOME DECIDE TO ENROLL

**Furniture Making, Baby Culture,  
Sponge Cake and Spanish on  
Curriculum.**

Members of the Fathers' Day association, headed by Mrs. J. Bruce Dodd, visited the night school in the Lewis and Clark high school last night and were ushered through the rooms by Frank H. Arnold.

The women evinced considerable interest in the wood working, sewing and military departments and several signified their intention of enrolling for the remainder of the term.

In the wood working department, under Byron Broom, women as well as men were engaged in making furniture. Two of the visitors said they intended to enroll in this department.

There were 18 girls making lemon pies in the cooking department under Mrs. W. H. Phillips and sponge cakes and sugar cookies were being made in the class conducted by Miss May Worthington, who was asked for recipes for these concoctions by several.

The visitors were also given an idea of how "America" sounds in Spanish, the Spanish class singing it for them.

J. A. Houston's class in salesmanship was giving a demonstration in selling accident insurance and coal when the

Spokesman Review, June 19, 1938

Spokesman Review, February 19, 1917



## Mother's Day Sermon Inspired Father's Day

CHICAGO (AP) — Father's Day, which this year is celebrated on June 16, was, ironically, inspired by a Mother's Day sermon.

Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, a Spokane, Wash., artist, is credited with fostering Father's Day, according to researchers for The World Book Encyclopedia. She got the idea while listening to her minister deliver an impassioned sermon on motherhood.

Mrs. Dodd's mother had died young, so her father had to raise six children alone. As she listened to the minister praise mothers for the hardship they endured in raising their children and tending to all the family needs, she reflected on her father's sacrifices and speculated that there must be other fathers whose similar sacrifices went unrecognized.

In a letter to the president of the Spokane Ministerial Association, Mrs. Dodd proposed a day to honor fathers. She suggested June 5, her father's birthday.

The association approved the idea, and the Spokane YMCA publicized it. However, the suggested date didn't allow the ministers enough time to prepare sermons, so the celebration was scheduled for the Third Sunday in June. Thus, on June 19, 1910, Spokane became the first city to honor fathers with a special day.

The mayor proclaimed a city-wide celebration, and the governor established observance throughout the state.

A strong push for a national Father's Day came from Harry C. Meek, a president of the Uptown Lions Club of Chicago. Though the Lions crowned him the "Originator of

Father's Day," Meek admitted that the idea first occurred to him in 1915, five years after Mrs. Dodd's suggestion. He suggested it in speeches before several Lions Clubs, and the idea caught on. The Lions also celebrated the third Sunday in June. That was the Sunday closest to Meek's birthday.

The following year, President Wilson participated in the Father's Day ceremony by pressing a button in the nation's capital which unfurled a flag in Spokane. Despite this national gesture, though, many sections of the country did not take part.

President Coolidge also showed interest in creating a national day "to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children" while in office. And, in 1936, a National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City to promote the celebration actively on a national level.

Perhaps the most notable recent effort to make Father's Day "official" was by Maine's Sen. Margaret Chase Smith in 1957. She said the official recognition of Mother's Day required that Father's Day receive the same honor.

"... Congress has been guilty now for 40 years of the worst possible oversight, to say the least, perpetrated against the gallant fathers, young and old, of our land," she said in her proposal.

In 1972, the long wait for national recognition came to an end when President Nixon signed a Congressional resolution giving Father's Day the same status as Mother's Day.

## Origin Of Father's Day

The mother of Father's Day is a mother. She is Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington. The idea for "Father's Day" came to her one morning in 1909 as she was washing dishes while her son, John Bruce Dodd, Jr., gurgled happily beside her in a high-chair. It was her way of honoring her father who raised her and five motherless brothers. This was a natural expression of love, devotion and gratitude of this daughter toward her Dad, and as such it has touched the life of America. According to Mrs. Dodd, Father's Day would be the way to fulfill the need of calling attention to Father's place in the home, training the children, the safeguarding of the marriage tie, the protection of womanhood and childhood.

When the idea for Father's Day came to her, Mrs. Dodd went to her own minister with it, and through him, to the Spokane Ministerial Association. Mrs. Dodd embodied her thoughts in a letter to the Spokane Ministers Alliance which favorably received it. She told of the love and sacrifices of her own father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran, who reared his six motherless children in an eastern Washington farm. William Jennings Bryan was one of the first to give formal endorsement to Mrs. Dodd's idea when he said, "Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the relation between parent and child," and complimented Mrs. Dodd on her inspiration. The Spokane Young Men's Christian Association put the Father's Day idea into active motion.

Aside from the fact that Father's Day is now an American institution, it is a day when fathers and sons and daughters and wives and families are united in a common purpose.

A baby gurgles happily in his high chair, his Mother busy with the noon-day dishes. Now, the Mother's face is softly glowing with a kind of radiance, born of excitement and satisfaction. She has an idea. An idea, that in less than a generation was to become a now celebrated American Institution.

Always deeply reverent and devoutly grateful to her Father, she yearned to express her devotion in some greater way. So, why not a "Father's Day"? It could be a day to honor not only her Father, but all American Fathers for their dedication to the ideal of a life pattern, unique to the United States, and reflective of the pioneer spirit.

That was in 1909. But it was another year before Mrs. John Bruce Dodd's inspiration would bear fruit as the first Father's Day — in Spokane, Washington. The year of the first Father's Day was 1910.

Father's Day would be a spontaneous expression of love, devotion and gratitude of one daughter to her father for what he did for his motherless family. And it would be the beginning of my long crusade to fill a need, says Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, whose idea Father's Day was, "to recognize Father's unique role in the home — to discipline, to encourage moral understanding, to protect the sanctity of the family — all embodied in the undertaking of the marriage vow."

Mrs. Dodd took her idea to her own minister, and through him, to the Spokane Ministerial Association. Her original concept, embodied in a letter to the Ministerial Association, won its quick approval. She described the love and sacrifices of her father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran, raising his family of six on a frontier farm in eastern Washington. But she was addressing her message to the role of all fathers, who helped shape the destiny of the United States in those pioneering days of the early Twentieth Century.

## The Palm Beach Post, June 16, 1956

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The Young Men's Christian Association of Spokane supported the ingredients of support, and the momentum that led to the first Father's Day in 1910, when Spokane set aside a day to Honor Thy Father.

William Jennings Bryan, the great populist, was one of the first national leaders to understand and formally endorse the embryonic Father's Day Movement, saying "Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the relationship between parent and child," and he warmly complimented Mrs. Dodd on her inspirational idea.

President Wilson, in 1916, had a button pressed in the White House to symbolize the national impact of the growing Father's Day concept. In 1924, President Coolidge urged the observance of Father's Day on a national scale. So, although William Smart, Mrs. Dodd's father, died in 1910, it was not before he saw Father's Day become a growing reality throughout the United States.

The Victorian Advocate,  
June 14, 1974

Sarasota Herald-Tribune, June 7, 1977













# Washington Hall























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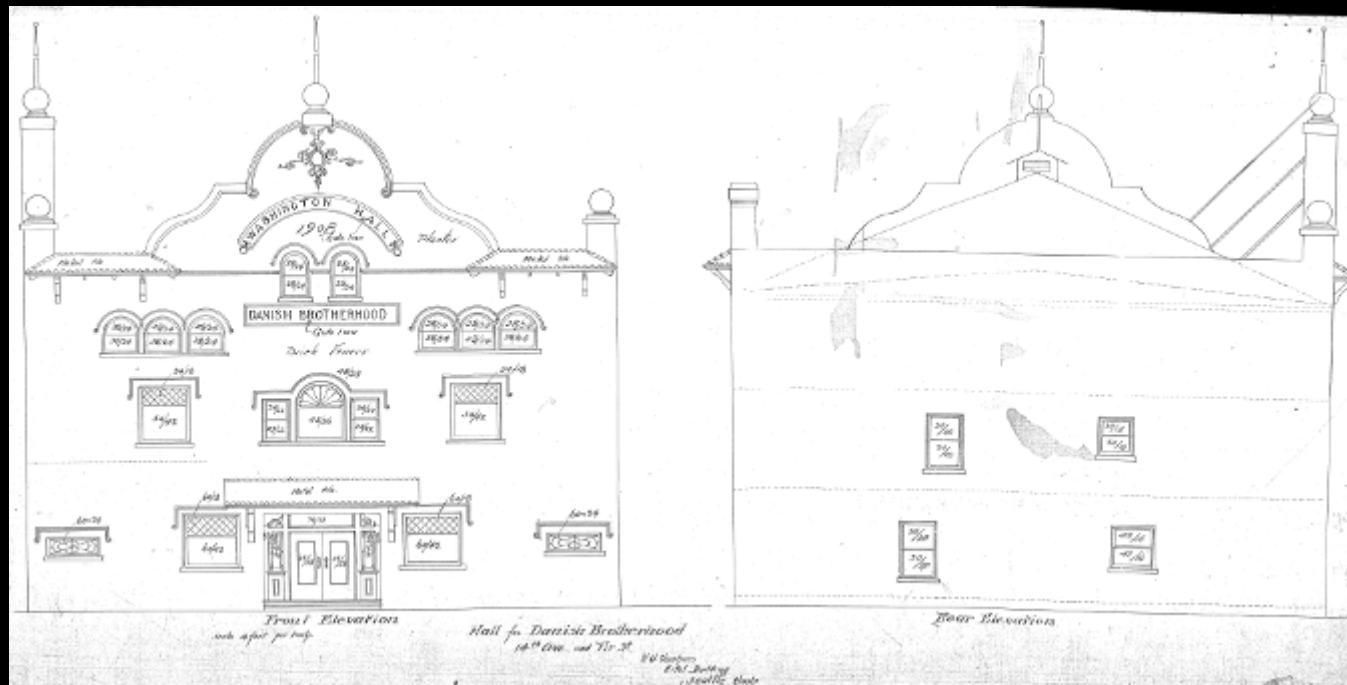
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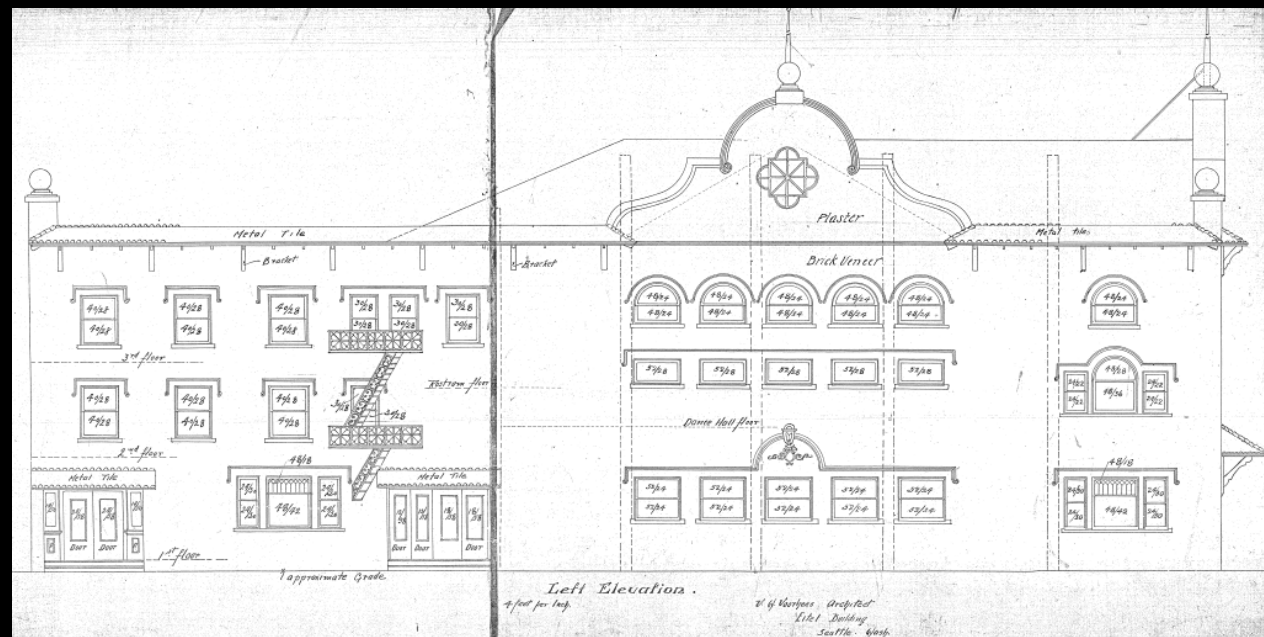
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## Victor Voorhees Drawings - 1907





The Rocking Kings with Jimi Hendrix, c. 1960.



Sephardic Theater Group, c. 1920



Unknown Danish Theater Groups, c. 1910s





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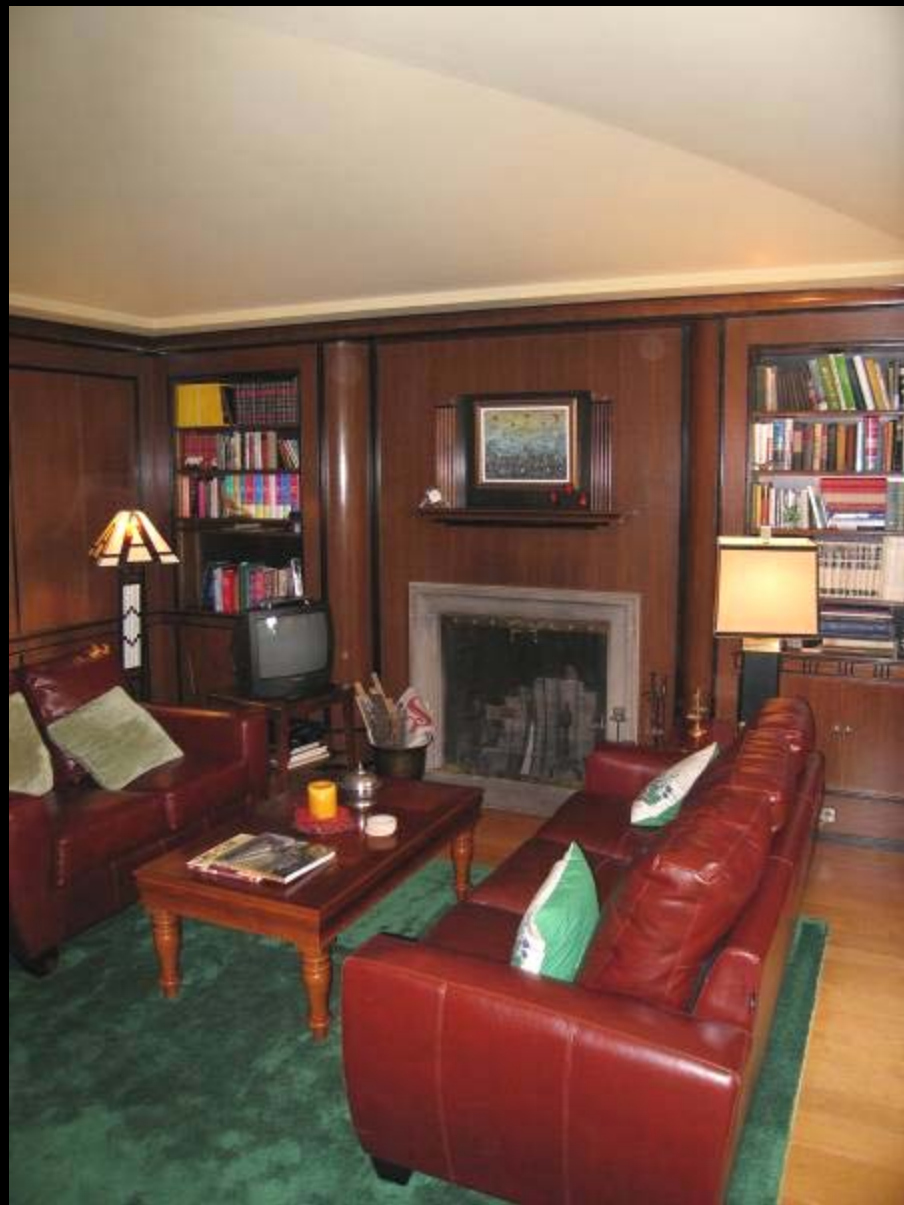


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Living Room







Formal Dining Room







Master Suite





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